

holy land, its geography and its people, the holy city, its situation, surroundings, plan and history, the holy temple, its construction and apartments, historic places, sacred waters, homes of Jesus, commercial cities and church centers have been studied. The last lessons were the life of Christ divided into five parts. All Bible normal lessons were rearranged, simplified and made attractive by the instructor solely for this class. Edith Livengood, now at Palouse, Washington, and Foster Fike, who has been at Falls City, Nebraska, the past few months, were active members of this class and their absence was regretted. There were eighteen graduates, their ages ranging only a few months distant from fourteen years. Several of them are also members of the church.

When we realize that the future hope of not only the Protestant religion but of the nation rests upon our boys and girls, parents should heartily co-operate with such educational influences.

NOTES.

Ola Adams surprised the graduates by her speech, which was given in her usual entertaining manner.

Ray Freas gave the graduates a cordial welcome into the Senior King's Children. He also gave a hearty invitation to all young men and women to join them.

The song by Lola Bushman was very timely and sweetly sung.

The young people were well pleased with the sermon.

Graduates and their instructor enjoyed the congratulations so well earned.

All did well.

BLESSED.

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At the session of the S. C. E. Society, the subject for entertainment and instruction was the 5th chapter of Matthew. As we are taught in the Bible this chapter is called the Sermon on the Mount. The Savior seeing multitudes went up into a mountain and there began teaching his disciples, telling them who shall be blest. Kind friends, do not be led by a blind delusion and infer from this sermon that everybody is going to be blessed. I fear many will be disappointed when they come to the judgment bar of the Great I Am. In the 39th verse, we find the Savior's language to be thus: "But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." We have seen and heard many quarrels in our time, where men were struck to the ground, and never yet saw the Savior's command obeyed.

Brethren and sisters, how many of you are ready and willing to deny yourselves and give up your rights and liberties of an earthly nature and be willing to stand still while your enemy applies the cudgel. I fear you will say the yoke is galling and the burden too heavy. I said in the onset that Christ will not bless every one that expects it. To prove this, we go back to Genesis 12, where God calleth Abram and blesseth him with a promise of Christ. He said unto Abram get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee, and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing. Now take notice whether God blessed all or only a part. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be *blessed*. And again in 22nd chapter, in speaking to Abram, God says that in *blessing* I will bless thee and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore. This *blessed* family shall possess the gate of their enemies, and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be *blessed* because thou hast obeyed my voice. Giving us in this modern and progressive age to understand that *we must* obey his voice if we hope to receive his *blessing*. It seems as though a blessing is essential in many ways and upon many occasions, indeed it is indispensable. In the 32 chapter of Genesis, we find Jacob wrestling with an angel in which Jacob was maimed and before a separation could take place, when it was commanded to let him go he said, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." When asked what is thy name? It was answered that it was Jacob, and he *blessed* him there. There is abundant reason why the Savior in his own appointed way bestowed so many *blessings*, and on this particular occasion taught his disciples who could receive a *blessing*, when even the old scriptures so often refer to special *blessings* being bestowed. In Exodus 23 chapter where Sunday laws and ordinances, and God's promise to the people and the glory of God appeared, we find in that remote period even 1491 years before the coming of Christ, Moses commanded that they shall serve the Lord their God, and he shall *bless* their bread and their water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. But here again, remember that if you serve not God, you will in no wise receive a *blessing*. In the 4th book of Moses called Numbers, the Lord spake unto Moses saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying on this wise: "Ye shall *bless* the children of Is-

rael, saying unto them the Lord *bless* thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put his name upon the children of Israel, and he will *bless* them. Always a *blessing* is given only to the good and not to the evil doer. This is poor consolation for the unrighteous or those who know not God. In the prayer of Jabez to the God of Israel saying, oh, that thou wouldst *bless* me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldst keep me from evil, that is not given me! And God granted him that which he requested. Would you for a moment, believe that had it been an unrighteous person or an evil doer, and his prayer only mockery, that it would have been granted? No, not by any means. God is not mocked, nor deceived. Christ says unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. He also says that if we are persecuted for righteousness sake we shall be *blessed* and also filled. Therefore he says let your light *so* shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. We maintained in the onset that many expected a *blessing* when passing into the great beyond, that will meet with great disaster and will be sadly disappointed in the resurrection morn. King David in the 5th Psalm prays to God to guide him, and in that prayer speaks of or has reference to this class. Harken unto the voice of my cry, my king, and my God, for unto thee will I pray. Let us praise the Lord for all his *blessings*. The Lord hath been mindful of us; he will *bless* us; he *blessed* the house of Israel; he blessed the house of Aaron; he will bless them that fear the Lord, both great and small. Ye *are blessed* of the Lord, which made heaven and earth. The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down in silence. But *we* will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord.

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To be continued.

ONE reason why more mountains are not being moved by faith, is that so few people are willing to begin with mole hills.

No matter what a man may say in church, you know what kind of religion he has when you know what kind of company he keeps.